

PRAYER FOCUS – NOVEMBER 29, 2020

To activate the Prayer Chain, call/email the church or text Bonnie.

1. **Missionary Focus:** Pray for Marsden and Mandy Giesbrecht, serving with Healing Hearts Ministries in the Nipawin area: "Mandy and I have concluded our brief Sabbatical as of October 10. Through our time of rest, we felt God speaking to us both in similar ways. We have both been impacted by the fact that our God sees us and cares about us individually. As a pastor and missionary, it's possible to become focused only on the needs of



others, at times to the neglect of our own. We believe that God gave us an opportunity to draw closer to Him through this time, and also to learn to live daily in the consistent and continual rest that He provides. We are learning to allow God to do the heavy lifting in this world and to trust Him as He accomplishes what He chooses. As we have begun to re-engage in ministry, there are challenges that we are faced with along with all churches in our current times. As you are well aware, there are the ever-changing restrictions, and many existing fears we are all facing. That feeling of instability is everywhere. We continue meeting together in small groups of believers as restrictions allow, and although it feels very foreign to come together "socially distanced" and in masks, God has faithfully been present. Every time we meet, on Sunday, or other days of the week for small groups and Bible studies, we are blessed. It has been sweet to experience Him together once again."

2. **Birthdays:** Tina Peters (Thursday)
3. **Church Family:** Leo/Alice Scherr – Hannah Schuba – Wayne Senger – Arie/Adrie Van Duyvendyk – Spencer Watson – Carl/Helena Wiebe – John/Ruth Wiebe
4. **SEC:** Admin. Asst.: Bonnie Wiebe; Head Usher: Dave Peters; Head Sound: LaVerne Wiebe
5. **Prayer Requests:**
– Harry Andres – pray for successful radiation treatments which began on Nov. 27th.
– John & Ruth Wiebe.
6. **Sister Churches:**
Region #1, SK/AB: Hague Gospel Church: Jason/Melissa Duermeyer
Region #2, MB C: Nassau Street Church, Winnipeg: Al/Monica Letkeman
Region #3, MN S: Gospel Mission Church, Winkler: Claude/Micheline Lainey
Region #4, ON: Aylmer EMM Church: Michael/Anne Marie Krahn
Region #6, BZ: Blue Creek: John/Marian Krahn
7. **Westside Pastors' Group:** Linda Walker – The Bridge on 20th
8. **EMMC Missionaries:** Ruben & Guadalupe Mercado – Santa Cruz, Bolivia
9. **Parachurch Ministries:** Youth for Christ

Welcome to

Sutherland *Evangelical Church*



First Sunday of Advent

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Lead Pastor: Dale Doerksen - Youth Pastor: Adam Fehr

Sunday School: 9:30AM

Sunday Worship Service: 10:30AM

November 29, 2020

Our Sunday morning service will be available on Sunday morning at **10:30AM** and can be accessed through our YouTube channel: Sutherland Evangelical Church or through the link on our website: **www.sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com** (This link was also included in the email with the bulletin.)

SUNDAY:

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SCRIPTURE:

Luke 2:1-7

MESSAGE:

"Far from Home – Joseph & Mary"



OFFERINGS & TITHES:

E-transfers: treasurer@sutherlandevangelicalchurch.com

(If you are a first-time donor, please provide your mailing address when sending an e-transfer.)

Cheques can be mailed to, or dropped off at, the church office, but do not send cash in the mail.

Today is the deadline for ordering the EMMC calendar. Contact Pastor Adam or Lacey, or Caley, or Liam or Liesel today. Calendars include pictures from the EMMC Art Contest and are \$20 each.

THIS WEEK

TUESDAY, 7:30PM: *Region 1 Zoom meeting*

WEDNESDAY, 7PM: *SLB meeting @ SEC*

THURSDAY, 7-9PM: *College & Career Night*

FRIDAY, 7-9PM: *Youth Night*

NEXT SUNDAY: SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

(online only)

COMMUNION SUNDAY: *Please take some time to prepare your heart for the Lord's supper.*

MESSAGE: *"Far from Home – Shepherds"*
– Luke 2:8-20 – Pastor Dale



SEC NEWS

A Big Thank You from Tina Peters for the big card and the encouraging & loving notes that it contained!



Christmas Tree Appeal for The Bridge: Nov. 29 – Dec. 13.
More info on next page.

SEC Mailboxes: Some mailboxes have been accumulating mail for quite some time. And now with Christmas card season upon us, you may want to come in to pick up your mail (or distribute cards). Please make arrangements with the church office...we would gladly let you in or have your mail ready in the office for you.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Thrive @ Bethany:

- a) "Due to the concern over the increasing Covid-19 numbers we've decided to move our Christmas Worship Service entirely online. This means all those who have already purchased tickets will be notified with refund options. But don't worry! We still plan to put on a really special event at the same time on Saturday, Dec 5th at 7 PM which will be live streamed so please join us from home. Our talented students will be on display through a drama called *The Foolish Wiseman*, a couple of special music performances and some sharing about how God is working in their lives.
- b) Back by popular demand, we are rolling out a one-time Thrive Food Market to raise some funds for Thrive and help you get ready for Christmas! We will be taking orders online from Tuesday, Nov 24th through Monday, Dec 7th. Access to the online order form will be through our website and our Facebook page with final delivery or pickup of your order on Dec 9th and December 10th. We look forward to serving you as a community and thank you in advance for all your support!"

Christmas Tree Appeal 2020

to benefit

The Bridge

November 29 – December 13

The Christmas Tree Appeal must be handled differently this year. There will be no ornaments to choose, and no tree to place the donations under, but the items are still needed, and they will be greatly appreciated. Your unwrapped gift will need to be brought directly to The Bridge.

Needed Items (new only):

- towels
- face cloths
- men's & women's underwear (small & medium)
- deodorant
- 2-in-1 shampoo
- razors
- shaving cream
- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- feminine hygiene products
- non-violent children's toys & books

Here is a note from their website:

Donations drop off hours:

Mon – Fri: 9AM – 2:30PM; Sat: Noon – 3PM

Please come to the designated area in the parking lot at the west side of the building and ring the "Donations" bell.

For health, safety, and cleanliness purposes, please do not leave donations outside our doors whenever we are closed.

Many thanks for making a difference in the lives of those who are really struggling right now. May God richly bless you, Jan McKechnie.

Far from Home – Joseph & Mary

Matt. 2:13-23, Luke 2:1-7 - SEC - Nov. 29/20

Introduction:

Home = Our place of comfort, security and familiarity.

A. Joseph & Mary's _____ to being far from home:

1. Keep making _____ choices. Luke 2
2. Persist in _____ God's leading. Matt. 2
3. Continue _____ and seeking to _____ what God is doing. Luke 2:19, 51
 - ↳ Treasure up = preserve, guard, protect
 - ↳ Ponder = consider, reflect, bring together

B. How does God help us _____?

1. _____ – God is overseeing the _____ of our lives.
2. _____ – God is with us (Emmanuel) and _____ watching over us.
3. _____ – understand that we are _____ to God.
4. _____ – we can be _____ with God when we don't have it all together.

Conclusion:

"You may be _____ from where you want to be, but you are not _____ or _____."